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Alexandria and Alyana Layden and their parents, Annette and Sean, enjoy a hayride at an apple orchard as part of the Inkster-based Western Wayne County YWCA Michigan School Readiness field trip last week. The family joined 25 other parents and children for what YWCA officials hope becomes a fall tradition. The Plymouth Apple Orchard in Plymouth Township hosted the families — who learned the growth cycle of apples, and enjoyed a hayride into the orchard to pick the fruit.

Concessions will create 700 jobs

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

About 700 new jobs will come to Romulus once the new North Terminal opens at Detroit Metropolitan Airport next year.

The positions are related to 30 new concessions that will serve airport visitors and passengers, said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson.

"With this vote of confidence from our board members, these new restaurant and retail spaces will bring a new level of quality, variety and choice to passengers

dining and shopping at our efficient new North Terminal," he said. "These new concessions will be a tremendous boost for our local economy, creating 740 new jobs and generating more than \$24 million in economic impact."

The Airport Authority voted to approve the contracts that would allow the companies to set up shop at the airport. When complete, the terminal concession program will add approximately 50,000 square feet of new concession space. Fourteen new gift and specialty shops and 15 restaurants will open as part of the

expansion.

Some of the retailers that will open at the airport include Brookstone, Borders, Everything ASAP, Relay News & Gift Store, Duty Free Americas, USA Today Travel Zone and the XpresSpa.

Restaurants include Champps Restaurant and Bar, Wendy's, Quiznos, Villa Pizza, McDonald's, National Coney Island, TGI Friday's, Sora Sushi Bar, The Coffee Beanery, Pasta Bravo, Max & Erma's, Caribou Coffee, Ruby Tuesday, and the Hockeytown

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Local engineer recognized

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

For Mary Clor, taking part in the engineering process that puts cars on the road began in Romulus, at her father's knee.

Thirty-two-year-old Clor, who was recently named the 2007 most distinguished engineer by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), learned about cars early on at her father's towing business, where as a child she would open the gate and look under the hood of vehicles taken to the lot her family owned.

"It hard to be around cars all your life and not learn to love them," she said. "I always looked at the cars. I wanted to learn more about them early on."

That interest in vehicles remains today, and Clor is one of the top engineers at Chrysler LLC, where she is the manager of Product Development Process Quality at the Auburn Hills headquarters. She said engineering is a great career for anyone who likes to solve problems, and that the opportunities for women and men in and outside of the automotive industry are still ripe.



Mary Clor

"It's a great career, and if a person is mechanically inclined, and able to solve problems and apply logic, they'd probably be

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City could support 2 casinos

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's possible that the City of Romulus may house two casinos, after all.

Representatives from the Sioux Indians contacted the city recently to restart negotiations that had halted in 2004. The tribe successfully lobbied the city for a ballot issue in 2003 that paved the way for gaming in the city.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the interest of the tribe could mean that two casinos as opposed to one could be constructed near Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"They contacted us to talk again," he said. "The reason they lost interest is that they had an election, and the new chairman wasn't as interested in coming to Romulus. But we've met three or four times, and they definitely want to learn more."

The renewed interest was confirmed when Romulus officials received a letter stating that the tribe would like to re-open negotiations. Every trustee on the tribal board signed the letter.

Bringing casinos in the city has proved to be a long process, but officials said they would not give up on the concept.

In 2005, the Hannahville Indian Tribe signed a deal with the city to open a casino on Vining Road near the airport. State and federal approvals are still pending on that proposal.

A lawsuit that was filed against the State of Michigan 11 years ago would allow the Sioux Indians to avoid at least part of a lengthy state approval process. As part of the lawsuit settlement, the tribe was granted approval to build a casino in Romulus, Flint or Monroe in a land swap.

The deal would hinge on whether the tribe could obtain required federal support for their project from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A second casino would mean a revenue bonanza for the state and city.

Because Indian Casinos don't pay traditional property taxes, a separate agreement that would specify revenue would have to

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Animal Magic

Annual benefit will fund continued educational efforts of non-profit group

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Mark Rosenthal's animals are looking for a little extra help from their friends this year.

Thieves took six animals from Rosenthal's 10-acre wildlife farm this year and only one has been returned to his Animal Magic enterprise.

That's made his visits to local



Sevin, the two-toed sloth, was returned to Animal Magic after she was stolen in February.

schools and appearances at educational events throughout the area with his wildlife "family" pretty difficult.

Once again this year, Rosenthal has planned a charity show and auction to keep his non-profit organization operating throughout the community.

The event will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Nov. 9 in the Belleville High School cafeteria. Anyone interested in placing a bid to generate funds for the exotic animal preservation can do so during the silent and live auctions.

Rosenthal said this yearly event is all about the dedication to life science education.

"One hundred percent of the funds goes into the non-profit," he said. "We want everyone to come out, enjoy the free show and do whatever they can to help us out."

The past year has been difficult for Rosenthal. Since February, a wallaby, a sloth, a horned frog, a sugar glider, a fennec fox and a kinkachoo have been stolen. Sevin, the two-toed sloth, was the only animal returned.

"People are happy to be able to see her again and so are we,"

said Rosenthal. "She lost half her body weight, she wasn't eating and she was abused, but now she's doing much better."

"After that we talked about closing down the business, but the feedback was that we shouldn't," he added. "Many kids grew up with me and the animals so they're going to do what they can to keep Animal Magic going."

Now that Sevin is back, Rosenthal is also waiting to hear from the David Letterman Show where the pair auditioned for an appearance.

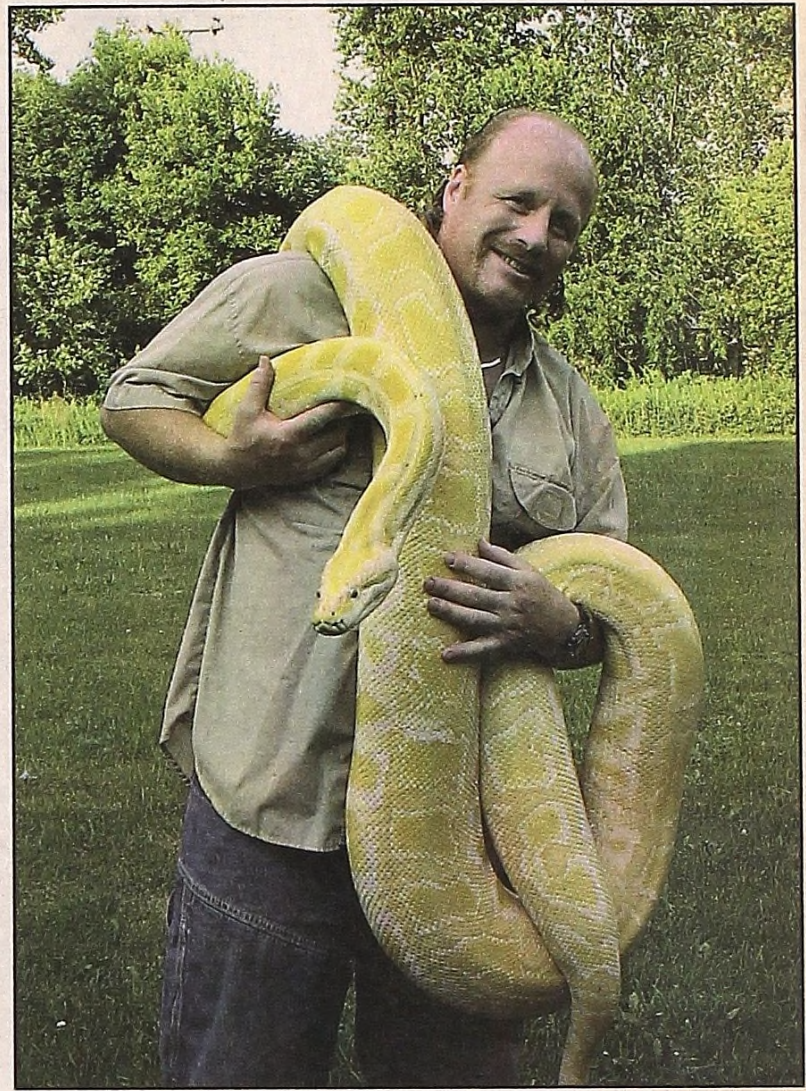
"I do something with her that no one else has tried to do," he said.

Even though Rosenthal hasn't a clue as to the whereabouts of his other stolen animals, he said police have received some leads and, he's hoping to find all the animals.

"I'm not sure if they'd survive," he said. "I'm pretty sure most aren't alive because most people don't know how to take care of these animals. They're not household pets."

That's why all the funds from auctions will go toward keeping Animal Magic alive, he said.

"People send us these items throughout the year. Every single



Jewels, the snake, will be one of the many exotic animals at the upcoming charity show and auction.

penny goes back to the critters," Rosenthal said.

Auction items include: a week stay at a beachfront Florida condo, bikes, Disneyworld passes, gift certificates, passes to the Great Wolf Lodge, autographed memorabilia and animal products.

The silent auction will start at

7 p.m. with pizza and beverages and, an Animal Magic show to follow at 7:30 p.m. The live auction will take place at 8:30 p.m., along with 50/50 raffles. Photo opportunities with the animals will also be included.

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Fang-tastic turnout

Halloween came a little early for residents who attended the American Red Cross mobile blood drive at the BOVA VFW Post 9885 in Westland on Monday. Post Commander Joseph Tebor entertained attendees by circling the donation tables dressed as Dracula. Despite the Count's best efforts, nurse Joyce Klossner and the other employees ensured that all of the blood donated by Paula Davidson and others made it to the Red Cross. Those who missed the drive can donate from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne, 34530 Michigan Ave. Photo by Ken Garner.

Jobs - City wants more high paying positions

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Café, among others.

Jack Vogel, the airport senior vice president of business development, said new concessions will bring added value to the airport offerings. The expanded program is also projected to increase concession sales by more than 30 percent and generate \$7.6 million in revenue during the first year of operation.

The new concession program may be a coup for the airport, but it remains to be seen what, if any, impact the new businesses will have on the city.

Mayor Alan Lambert said he's hopeful the jobs will help many people coping with unemploy-

ment in the city, but also stressed the need for jobs that pay more than restaurant and retail positions typically would.

"Any news of jobs around here is good news," he said. "We've heard a couple of different numbers (how many jobs would be created). But no matter what the number is, its good news, and Romulus residents have as good a chance of getting the jobs as anyone."

"We're still looking at other companies that would bring in higher-paying jobs in the city around the airport, like the casino," he said.

The new North Terminal broke ground in the fall of 2005, shortly after the Davey Terminal

was demolished. Scott Wintner, a spokesperson for the airport, said the construction project has created about 3,200 jobs.

"That the number of people who physically worked at the site," he said. "There are other jobs that were created - like at restaurants that had to hire staff because of the number of workers - but we don't track those."

Wintner said the tentative date for the terminal opening is September or October of 2008.

The concession program was devised after a solicitation process than began last year. Public forums organized by the airport and more than 400 residents and business people attended the events.

Clor

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successful in this field," she said.

Around here, most of the focus is on engineering for the automotive industry, but outside Michigan, the focus is on biomedical engineering," she said.

She said being a female engineer is not much different than being a male one, though she concedes there are far more men in engineering than women.

"It's been great, and I've been treated as an equal every place I've worked," she said.

William Crova, a Romulus councilman and Clor's father, said he noticed early on that his daughter was mathematically inclined.

"She would spend a lot of time looking at the cars we towed," he said. "Mary was involved in the

family business - sometimes she would hold the gate open when a car was being brought to the lot.

"I never told her she couldn't do something, and my hope was that she'd go into the business world," he said. "I have two daughters, and I'm proud of both of them."

Clor has worked at Chrysler since 2005, and previously held positions at General Electric and Robert Bosch Corp. At Chrysler, she manages an overall process that improves how vehicles are manufactured and allows for the earlier integration of vehicle features into vehicle development plans.

Daniel Knott, the vice president of product development - core components, said the automaker works hard to provide women like Clor with opportunities, and applauded the work of the association.

"(As) much as Chrysler has an uncompromising commitment to diversity, SWE is committed to empowering women's career aspirations," he said.

Clor holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Oakland University, a master's degree in engineering from Virginia Technological University, and a master's of business administration from the University of Michigan.

SWE gives the award to female engineers with less than 10 years experience who show leadership in quality and manufacturing.

Clor added that receiving the SWE award was a surprise.

"It's great to be recognized, and I'm flattered," she said.

These days, Clor is working on a new process: She and her husband, Patrick, are expecting their first child this week.

Casinos

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be signed by the city and tribe. The Hannahville agreement could bring in as much as \$10 million in revenue to the city, and 2,000 jobs.

Lambert said he believes there's enough traffic at the airport to support two casinos, especially if one builds a convention center as the city would like.

"That would make the city a destination," he said.

He also said he believes the jobs situation in the area will

ultimately push through needed approvals.

"I think the federal officials know there are some cities and areas that are in trouble when it comes to jobs," he said.

City officials are scheduled to meet with the tribe in a few weeks, Lambert said.

Belleville set to hire manager

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville officials could decide on a new city manager at the Nov. 5 council meeting.

"The philosophy was, when the past city manager left, we didn't want the city to wait another three or four months for the city to start," said Mayor Tom Fielder.

"We need a city manager to start as of yesterday," said Councilmember George Chedraue.

Candidates Kristen Cunningham and Tim Sadowski were interviewed on Oct. 23. Interviews—done by council members, Shawna Austin from the Downtown Development Authority and Don Bluhm from the Civil Service Commission—included an opening statement and questions dealing with city issues, management style and feelings about working for a new city council.

Cunningham, the director of community and economic development for South Lyon, said her management style is working with professionals who don't need a lot of direction.

"I've done human resource work and I'm familiar with contracts and negotiations," she said.

"I fully intend to have an open-door policy with agendas and memos to council," she added. "A newsletter is a possibility and the website needs to be updated, too."

Sadowski, the acting city manager/clerk/treasurer for Potterville, said the top city challenges are finances, streets and the public safety issue. He said he was hired before to 'clean-up' a financial condition.

"I'm good at stabilizing governments financially," he said.

However, Sadowski was also subject to a recent criminal investigation by the Michigan State Police and, a civil lawsuit brought by Potterville employees for illegal accounting practices.

"It's active and probably will still go on for years, but the criminal allegations have been dismissed," he said.

Candidate George Strand did not interview after he accepted another city management position.

The second special meeting last Thursday included interviews with John Tomasaski, a former city manager for Crest Hill IL; Brian Reed, the assistant city manager of Eaton Rapids and Stephen Penn.

According to Mayor Pro Tem Bill Emerson, officials have narrowed it down to Cunningham, Tomasaski and Reed for further background and reference checks.

"When we get down to one candidate, there will be another background and reference check," said Emerson.

News in brief

Family Harvest Night returns

The popular Romulus Head Start Family Harvest Night will return on Thursday, Nov. 1.

Head Start officials will provide fruits and vegetables produced by local farmers. Also, food bags will be distributed to Head Start families.

Residents will also have the opportunity to tour Head Start classrooms to see what students have been working on.

This event is one of the most popular in the community, and attendance is expected to be high.

Harvest Night will take place at the Guidance Center at 35408 Beverly Road. For more information, call Romulus Head Start at (734) 785-7792.

Speaker gives talk at library

The Romulus Public Library will host a nationally-known speaker in two weeks who will help parents raise well-adjusted children.

Kimberly Watt, a public speaker and member of motivational guru Les Brown's platinum speakers group, will give a presentation entitled "Raising Positive Children in a Negative World" on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Watt's presentation is aimed at caregivers who need advice about how to cope with children and the many influences that occur inside and outside of the home. She holds a degree in communication from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road, next door to the Romulus City Hall.

For additional information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589.

Gospel concert scheduled

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour will be the site of a concert featuring a renowned college choir.

The "Power of Praise" concert will feature the Ypsilanti-based Eastern Michigan University Gospel Choir. The choir will take the stage at the church from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Tickets are \$10.

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour is located at 29425 Annapolis Road, on the corner of Annapolis and Middlebelt roads in Westland.

For more information, call the church at (734) 728-3440.

OPINION

Grown ups only, please

During my time as an editor, I've had to weigh in on dozens of complicated issues. I've opined about some more lighthearted fare, too, as well as things that have nearly discouraged me to the bone.

This, however, is the saddest editorial I have ever felt compelled to write.

Here goes.

Some regular posters on our web site may be wondering why their comments have not appeared at the end of our candidate endorsements.

This is not because we don't want anyone to disagree with us—we started the feature to encourage more debate. It's not because we think our opinions won't stand the test of additional input, either, or because we don't want anyone to weigh in on any other candidates.

It's because too many people are abusing—or trying to abuse—the system.

When we expanded our web site to include comments on stories, opinions and other topics through our community forums, we hoped it would foster a civilized discourse on the issues facing our community. Some of those we've reported on; others we haven't gotten to yet. Our hope was to raise the value of the conversation by getting more people in on it.

What we've seen is candidates and their supporters 'weighing in' through more than one identity, playing off each other as if in actual conversation, spreading innuendos, rumors and worse. This is not limited to any one municipality, either, or any one group of candidates. You all know who you are and let me tell you: it's embarrassing to think that someone who seeks public office would stoop to such childish tactics.

I've written columns in the past, this year in particular, about how grateful I was that the negative side of politicking hadn't manifested. There were no smear campaigns out there; everyone seemed to be working hard and concentrating on issues. That negativity hasn't disappeared, though, it's just taken a new form, one where people seek to hide their identities and sling slurs from the shadows. That's not the kind of stuff we want to see on the web site.

So we'll have to go back to the basics, it seems. We won't have another print edition prior to the Nov. 6 election, but I'll be happy to look at signed letters of support to post on our web site.

Until we come up with a better system—or better politicians and campaign workers—that's the best we can do.

—Scott Spielman

Our choices in Belleville

The City of Belleville is entering a time of change.

Within the next month there will be a new city manager—hopefully, at any rate—and at least two new faces on the five-member city council.

That makes the election on Tuesday a particularly important one for the city. With the right choices, Belleville residents can help ensure the city will move forward and leave the trying times that have garnered most of the headlines this year, behind.

It is encouraging to see, at a difficult time, enough qualified people step forward in hopes of leading the city. Here's who we think would best serve the citizens of Belleville, and why.

Kerreen Conley for Mayor

The race for mayor in Belleville is a particularly tight one, with Conley squaring off against a former long-time councilman in Richard Smith and a member of the Downtown Development Authority in Frank Brown. With two new faces already slated for the council,

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HA! THEY SAID VIDEO GAMES
WOULDN'T PREPARE US FOR
REAL-LIFE
BUT THE 'M.E.A.P.' SEEMS TO
HAVE A "RE-START," TOO !!



Real growth can be slow process

Election season is nearly over—at least as far as the locals are concerned.

By the time this edition hits the streets, there will only be a few more days before the election on Tuesday and many races—those usually decided by absentee ballots—will be over even though we don't yet know the results.

This has been a strange election season, at least for me particularly and as it relates to the City of Wayne, my home town. When it started, I was disappointed at what I saw as an uninspiring summer filled with mediocre candidates. I don't know when I became such a cynical old man, but I'm trying to shake off those negative thoughts like a wet hound who just took an ill-advised trip into a contaminated lake.

I'm interested to see how the election turns out. Once I got over my initial disappointment, I was encouraged to see the number of candidates who decided to run and the effort they put into their campaigns. In Wayne, we have two viable newcomers in Mathew Mulholland and Michael Smith competing with three experienced incumbents. It only hit me last week what I liked best about Smith—more than any other candidate, he is the embodiment of the people of Wayne: a hard-working, union guy who sincerely wants to and enjoys helping people.

I'm also interested to see how the current political climate across the state reflects in the number of voters. As citizens, we are rarely inspiring in the way we approach our civic duty as voters. Unless it's a large election—where state or federal issues are on the ballot—turnout at the polls is pretty dismal. When clerks get happy about a 20 percent turnout, it's a pretty sad situation. As hurried as I usually am on Tuesdays, I will not complain if I have to wait in line at my precinct. I promise.

Susan Rowe, one of the incumbents on the ballot, provided me with the biggest surprise of the campaign season, however. As we talked for our candidate profile, she listed all of the things that had happened during the last four years. It was a long list and she hit many things I'd forgotten about, small development projects like the donut shop across the street from our office, the conversion of the old Taylor Doors (at least I think that's what it was called) into the Canton Pool and Leisure facility, filling up retail space with successful businesses like The Acorn Shop and a franchise such as Jimmy John's. If you factor in the larger projects such as the police headquarters, the Department of Public

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Maturity should be a requirement

If what happened at the Inkster City Council meeting last week is true, it's a conspiracy theory for the books.

Courtney Owens, a candidate for the Inkster City Council, said in so many words that this newspaper conspired with his opponent, Councilman Ronald Johnson, to expose the fact that Owens owed past due property taxes to the city.

Well, given that the accusation was made, I'll explain how the reportage on Owens' taxes actually occurred.

We received a tip in August (and it wasn't from Johnson) that another candidate, who will go nameless here, owed taxes. The tipster wondered, "If a candidate can have back taxes – which are used to pay for services citizens desperately need – then why should anyone pay? Taxes are high in Inkster, and if I have to struggle to pay my bills, shouldn't the people who seek to represent us?"

I wondered about this, too. So I checked it out.

On one of my many trips to city hall, I asked a representative from the assessor's office to run the addresses of each candidate who filed for election. Interestingly, the candidate's name that the tipster lamented was paid up. Owens, however, had a bill.

Property tax records are in the public domain. That means anyone could have asked for the information and received it – there was nothing covert.

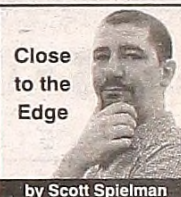
The reason we looked at taxes is because the Inkster City Council has the power to ask for more taxes, and at least once in the past three years, they've received the OK from voters. Why is it then a leap of logic to consider that the people who ask for money pay the same bill?

Now, Owens has paid his bill, so there's no prospect of him being removed from council, should he be elected. But that's another thing we worried about – the Inkster City Charter specifies that a candidate could be removed if a bill isn't paid in a timely fashion.

No one, at least at this newspaper, is out to get any of the candidates. And certainly no one here would pass judgment on anyone else's financial situation.

People need to realize that, when you're seeking public office, there's the chance information that could be unflattering will be made public.

Candidates for public office need to be ready for prime time.



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Dustin Letts, Bryan Butzin and Chris Schneider pose with their first place trophy and Butsin's Mustang, which he drove in the competition.

Teen race team takes first

A team of Belleville High School Career Center students took first place at the high school national drag racing event recently. More than 35 schools participated in the event, which gives points to how consistent the cars race in different speed brackets. Seven students participated on the Belleville team, according to officials.

"It's easier to race when you can just floor it and see if you can beat the other driver," said student Bryan Butzin. "It's much harder to race in a time bracket against another car because you have to stay within your time bracket and no faster. If you go faster, you lose the race."

The cars were rated by how fast they could travel in a quarter mile. The races consisted of four speed brackets: 12:00-13:99 seconds, 14:00-15:99 seconds, 16:01-17:99 seconds and 18:00 and slower, officials said.

Before every race, the drivers spin the tires on their vehicles until clouds of white smoke pour from the wheel wells.

"Spinning the tires heats the surface of the tires and creates a better grip on the road. It may be hard on the tires, but it helps the driver get a better start in the race," said Butzin.

Student participants included: Dustin Letts, Chris Schneider, Tyler Schneider, Steven Kull, Nick Davenport, Joyce Armatis and Butzin. They anticipate racing again in January in Ohio, as well as Milan.

This was the second event Butzin raced a Ford Mustang. Other vehicles that competed for Belleville High School included a GMC Sonoma and two Chevy Camaros.

"It's a great way to go out, have fun and not get in trouble," Butzin said.

Growth

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Works facility, and it's enough to give you confidence, going forward.

Choices

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though, now is not the time for a less experienced candidate. Conley has a wealth of experience, both on the council and through her day job, where she has worked a variety of jobs in the municipal sector—including a stint as Belleville city manager—for nearly two decades. She has the financial expertise to guide the council—and the city—through the still difficult times ahead.

If she wins the mayoral seat, it will leave a vacancy on the council. Conley was appointed to the council after Walter Mears was named city manager. The council shouldn't look too far in finding that appointment—we think Brown would be a good fit for it.

Voters will select two members of the city council, as well, one to fill a full, four-year term and one to fill the remaining two-year term vacated when Lori Hecksel stepped down in August.

Reginald 'Rick' Dawson is the best choice for the four-year seat. He is a political newcomer, but he's been so active—and vocal—in meetings in the past that we think he's earned the right to take the next step. He's already proved his dedication to the community, although we're a little concerned about his close friendship to Councilman George Chedraue, who will remain behind

I'm always harping on the city to do more to attract development. There's a danger in that: sometimes when you look for the big explosion, you miss the sparks that can just as easily bring about a nice, warm fire that's easier to control—and sustain.

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He has experience through the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority board and we like his ideas about finances and looking at different ways to provide recreation for young people. Hopefully he'll be just as outspoken on the council as he was from the audience.

Steve Jones is the right pick for the two-year seat, despite his relatively short residency. In fact, that's one of the things we like about him—the fresh perspective he will bring. The flexibility in his job in the promotions department of Greater Media, will be a benefit, too as will his thoughts about youth recreation. His experience at a juvenile detention center backs that up. His ideas to improve communication both within the city and to residents are long overdue.

The City of Belleville may face some challenging times ahead, but with the right people involved, the city will meet those challenges. We think the right people are **Kerreen Conley, Reginald 'Rick' Dawson** and Steve Jones.

We also urge voters to approve the millage renewal request from the Wayne County Community College District. This renewal will not cost taxpayers any more, while ensuring that the continued service to the community and affordable educational opportunities the college offer continue.

We urge a **YES** vote on this college millage renewal.

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McKnight

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Event planner ensures weddings reflect glow of couples' happiness

Whether awash in linen color swatches, knee deep in floral blooms or instructing a staff member as to the exact height of a table centerpiece, special event planner David McKnight exudes calm and wears a contagious smile.

The owner of Emerald City Designs, recently relocated in Farmington Hills, McKnight has made wedding and event planning his specialty for almost 15 years. He's hung bowers of roses from church ceilings, draped tent interiors

with miles of flowing fabric and helped brides find exactly the right invitations and announcements for that special day. When it comes to weddings and special events, he's an expert, and his huge fan base of happy brides and pleased clients are proof of his expertise and talent.

McKnight, a Northville resident, began his career as a floral designer, but soon found his real calling in event planning.

"The key is communication," McKnight said. "Without communication with the client, we're not able to understand the client's needs or desires. Communication leads to far less stress for them and a positive experience. We can give them what they want, and we need to communicate to find out what that is," he said.

Emerald City offers custom floral design, wedding planning, event coordinating, linens and chair cover rentals, stationery services and plans expos and other corporate events.

Clients consider McKnight a wizard, and note that the Emerald City name is well suited to the magic he seems to perform with their special requests.

McKnight meets with each and every client personally in a preliminary interview he describes as the real key to what he does. Especially if it is a wedding.

"This is my favorite part of the business," McKnight said. "With all wedding planning clients, I am a part of the entire process. We meet to understand styles and personality. Every event we do is special but we want to make this day extraordinary for every bride," McKnight said.

Karen Fox, who works with McKnight, describes that interview as crucial. "We have never done two weddings the same way. This day is about the bride and David works to make sure that it is unique and tailored just to her.

"The day and the decorations need

to be as unique and special as she is. The wedding needs to represent the bride, the groom and their families, not a friend or something she saw in a magazine.

"That is really David's talent. He is the most creative person I've ever met," Fox said.

Her opinion is evidenced in the new showroom, which employees note with humor, "is constantly changing." Several sample table settings, with custom designed linens, stationery and candles fill the area and are all accented with live flowers.

"Those change almost every day," Fox noted. "We use the freshest floral for all of our special events.

For 2008 and 2009, McKnight noted that the really hot styles include offering a mixture of colors creating contrast or a monochromatic style. Creating different style table settings for each guest table is also a hot trend, McKnight said.

"A question I get all the time is

about elevated floral arrangements or low floral centerpieces. I always have the same answer:

"It depends on the client's personality, venue and sometimes the time of year. I like consistency, the more of the same element is more impactful in a design," McKnight said.

Emerald City has designed wedding receptions in unique settings and destinations, and always has a unique and artful touch to offer clients.

"When we are at an event, we are there to keep all the bridal party and the guests happy. We take into consideration the relationship we have created with many of the local venues for the events. Our goal is to assist with problems that arise, but also to make sure the families are pleased with the experience," McKnight said.

In addition to the samples of candles, guest gifts, table settings, centerpieces, and just about anything else necessary for a truly special event, Emerald City also offers a complete line of custom-designed stationery, including invitations, announcements, wedding programs, thank you cards and notepaper. Everything, Fox noted, that a bride or other host, could possibly need for a perfect event.

According to stationery coordinator Michelle Johnson, brides really appreciate the special service, as do many corporate clients.

"Right now, the hottest thing they are asking for is a chocolate brown color," she said, displaying numerous samples of work and styles available. "We try to make everything coordinate with exactly what the client wants.

"And we're able to offer so many unique things,"

Johnson noted.

"We sent sand and a small orchid inside an invitation for an event," Fox said. "It was just great."

At a recent engagement party, the bride's name



began with the letter b and her groom with an e, Emerald City designed special candles, napkins and place settings using the word be, in metallics, creams and ivories. That table display, like many others, is a spectacular example of McKnight's work.

Emerald City will do everything for a wedding, up to and including finding the right hairdresser, or simply offer a consultation and some planning help. There is really no average event for them, McKnight said. They have done events when they needed a crew of 100 people. But one thing that is consistent is the communication.

"When clients work with us, one thing they can be sure of, is that they will hear from us all the way through. Communication, as I said, is really important.

"Anyone who wants the best event needs a planner," McKnight said.

If McKnight has a single piece of advice for any prospective bride or event host, it is about time management.

"At Emerald City, we have a time line for decisions to be made about each aspect of an event or wedding. That way, they will be in a really good place mentally with the process," McKnight said.

"We do what the bride or the corporate client wants, as much or as little. We can do it all or help them. We just want it to be perfect for them," Fox said.



Emerald City Design is hosting a Relocation Grand Opening at the new showroom next week, which is by invitation only. To be included on the guest list, call 248-474-70777, ext. 100, or email at rsvp@emeraldcitydesigns.com.



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Belleville animal lovers' book, Pet Pals, now available

Pet Pals, an animal shelter book by author Marcia LaFramboise of Belleville, is now available.

Pet Pals tells the story of the LaFramboises and the abandoned animals the shelter strives to help. All proceeds from the book will go toward the continued mission of expanding the animal shelter. The book can be ordered online at www.fmar1.com. For more information about the shelter, call (734) 461-9458 or email vb-petlover@comcast.net.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 8, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-297

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 1, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Petitioners.

07-298

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Millard Morris.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-299

4B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mrs Solomon.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-300

4C. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mary Poole.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-301

4D. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Cathy Jean Madison.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-302

4E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to grant no-fee permits for two events benefiting the new Romulus Animal Shelter being held at the Blue Sky Ice Cream Shop at the corner of Eureka Road and Huron River Drive. 1) An Ice Cream Social on Thursday, October 18, 2007, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 2) sale of Christmas Trees during November and December.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-303

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to extend Bid award 06/07-02, pavement marking to R.S. Contracting, in the amount of \$340/linear mile for centerlines and \$310/linear mile for edge line marking, cost not to exceed \$31,000 and \$113,268.24.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-304

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Lynn Conway, Purchasing Agent and Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director, authoriz-

ing the emergency purchase of a new covert radio unit through the State Bid from Herkimer Radio in the amount of \$2,463.24.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-305

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment to the Downriver Community Conference in the amount of \$4,750.00. Said dues are for membership from October 2007 through September 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-306

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to authorize payment to renew our annual Downriver Mutual Aid Membership dues for 2007 - 2008 with the Downriver Community Conference in the amount of \$15,277.51

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-307

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to introduction Budget Amendment 07/08-10:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-4130-741.74-63	Building & Grounds Uti.	375,000	2,500	377,500
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,095,595	(2,500)	1,093,095

To cover "basic" cable services to six City buildings beginning October 1, 2007 when Comcast discontinues complimentary video services to local units of government due to recent legislative changes.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-308

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption committee (IFTE) and adopt the revised Act 198-Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatement guidelines.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-309

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 37, Article I, Section 37-25 (d)(1)(a) pertaining to Water and Sewer Debt Charges introduced at the Council Meeting held September 4, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-310

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-19 in the amount of One Million, Five Hundred Forty Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Seventy Nine Cents (1,549,332.79).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 8 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: November 1, 2007

Well aware

Health fair planned at high school

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville High School students and faculty are promoting a healthier lifestyle in an upcoming fair.

The free event will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., 12:30-3:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the high school during parent-teacher conferences for students, staff and the entire community.

Susan Duda-Osborne, a family and consumer science teacher, said the department, along with the physical education staff, the National Honor Society and the wellness and advisory committee, have been working together to bring a health fair to the community.

"The national objective is healthier people by 2010," said Duda-Osborne. "Also, to address obesity in adolescences and make people aware and, to prevent it."

Health fair events and partic-

ipants will include: registration for blood donation, the Belleville Chiropractic Wellness Center; the Corner Health Center; Belleville Pediatric, who will offer height, weight and body fat analysis; Oakwood Hospital; The Pharmacy; Growthworks; Planned Parenthood; healthy food samples; hearing and vision tests; the Ozone House; the Huron Valley Ambulance; blood pressure screening; mental health wellness; cholesterol screening; consequences of sleep deprivation and smoking simulations and Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) and how to prevent the bacteria infection.

Lindsey Messmore, a nutrition teacher, said her class will offer low fat samples and snacks.

"We want to let people know they don't have to cook with fats and oils. There are substitutes that still taste good," she said.

The physical education department will offer informa-

tion on the benefits of exercise, how it affects the body and a booth about stress, according to Tami Taylor, a health and physical education teacher.

"The goal is to bring in community members and family to educate about what's out there, what you can do to protect your body and the proper nutrition to give them the better resources needed to make better choices," she said.

The Family Career and Community Leaders of America student group will also provide various demonstrations and displays, as well.

"It's about making the student body and their families more aware of healthy lifestyles and to make healthy life decisions as adults," said teacher Julie Schultz.

People can also expect to see the health fair come back to the community next, year, too, according to Duda-Osborne. For more information, contact the high school at (734) 697-9133.



Here she is...

Van Buren Township recently hosted the first-ever Miss Van Buren Township pageant and the winner was Jessica Wells, above. Contestants included: Stephanie Simmons, who won Miss Teen Van Buren Township and Miss Talent; Ciah Green, who won Miss Junior Van Buren Township; Jada Nelson, who was the first-runner up for Miss Junior Van Buren Township; and Jordan Rose, who won Miss Little Van Buren Township and Miss Photogenic. Each contestant had a private interview, on-stage questions and modeled party and sports wear. Winners of each category received a trophy, banner, flowers and a crown. They will also receive free pageant coaching lessons, as well as participate in the City of Belleville Christmas parade.

Luncheon to honor area veterans

The September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township will host a Veteran's Day lunch and discussion at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 13 at the center.

Immediately following the lunch and, weather permitting, the program will take place in the senior activity garden. The event will include a guest speak-

er and the Van Buren Township honor guard. Reservations must be made by noon on Nov. 9. For more information, contact the senior center at (734) 699-8918.

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SPORTS



The Northville Mustangs won their first regional tournament on Saturday when they beat Saline, 4-0, at Livonia Stevenson. Photo by Jeff Novak

Northville kickers win 1st regional

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Regional championships usually don't come easy.

The Northville Mustang soccer program made it look so with a 4-0 shutout of the Saline Hornets at Livonia Stevenson on Saturday afternoon.

It was the first time that the Northville boys won the regional championship for the school. And it was a little bit of payback, according to Northville Coach Henry Klimes.

"Saline knocked us out back in 2003 on penalty shots," he said. "It's an important win for the school, especially for the boys' program. Our girls have been so strong it's nice to see the boys finally get there."

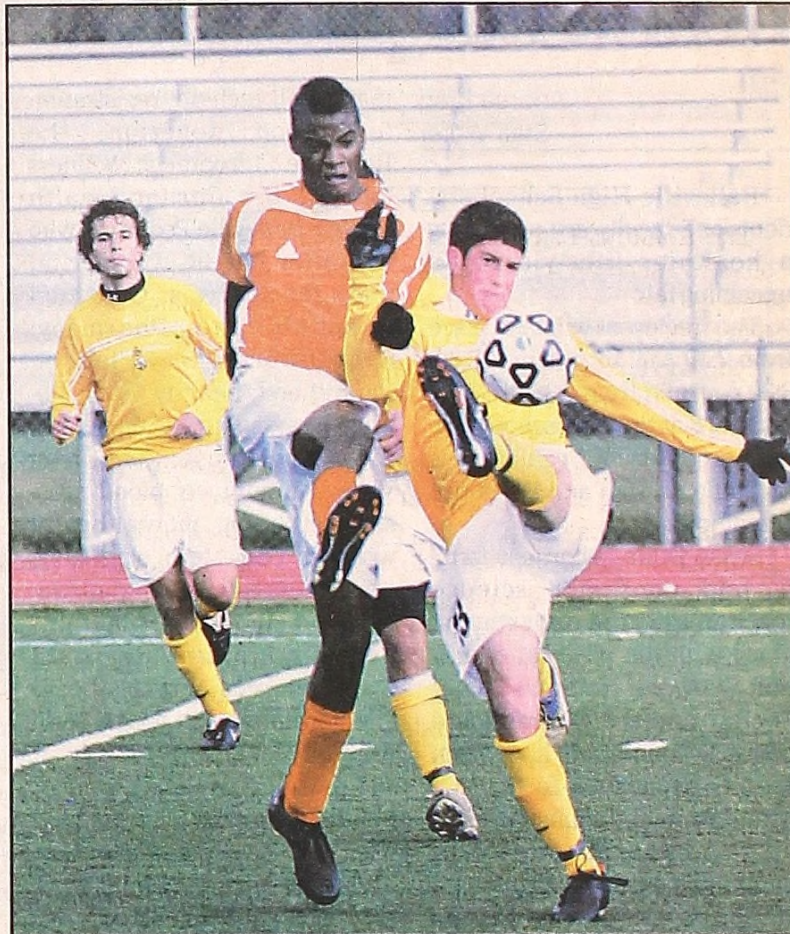
Northville junior goalkeeper Jarrod Daul stopped a handful of Saline shots and snagged two corner kicks out of the air to earn the shut out.

Senior midfielder Jeff Cheslik scored two goals in the second half and notched an assist on another. He scored with 23:55 left in the

second half to put the Mustangs up, 3-0, and again at the 13:41 mark off a pass from junior forward Alex Mirilley.

Junior mid John Hatzis put the 'Stangs on the board first when he knocked one by Saline senior goalkeeper Johnathan Conszelmann with 13:05 left in the first half. Cheslik had an opportunity shortly after that, but the shot went just wide of the open net.

After trailing in the last couple of contests, Northville went into their half-time huddle with a 1-0 lead.



Northville's Latif Alashe (left) hinders Saline defender Jared Spallina in the Mustangs' 4-0, regional championship victory on Saturday. Photo by Jeff Novak

That was different but good, according to Klimes.

"I thought it was nice to have the lead at halftime where we had been behind the last couple of games," he said. "So it was a little different feeling that we had. But we play one half and then played the second half. We won the first half—done deal—and we managed to simply play 40 minutes to

win the game."

Klimes made a few adjustments during the break that sent three forwards up, creating more one-on-one opportunities

After he was taken down in the box, junior mid Latif Alashe fired his penalty shot by the line of defending Hornets and

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Cats walk Spartans oust Plymouth, 27-21

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was the playoff win that almost was.

Even though they trail through most of the game, the visiting Plymouth Wildcat gridders kept the fight alive against Stevenson on Friday night in a pre-district contest. The 'Cats were just an inside kick away from what could have set the stage for the biggest upset in high school football playoffs.

Mike Korona's kick bounced too far forward and into the hands of the Spartans, halting Plymouth's comeback. Stevenson held on for the remaining 32 seconds—and a 27-21 victory.

Every time Plymouth stormed closer, Stevenson sidestepped and moved further ahead. The Spartans looked to put the final nail in Plymouth's season when junior running back Wade Stahl broke free for a 54-yard score with 54 seconds left in the final frame. The extra point was good for a 27-14 advantage.

But the Wildcats did what the one thing that had defined them as a playoff threat throughout the game—and the season: they didn't give up.

"The team didn't quit and that's what me and all of the coaches have tried to install from the beginning," said first-year Plymouth Coach Mike Sawchuck. "You can't quit. You have to keep battling and that's on and off the field. And they bought into it."

On Plymouth's first play from scrimmage on its next possession, senior quar-

terback C.J. Gregory connected with junior wide receiver Alexander Minch for a 59-yard touchdown. Korona's kick was good to narrow the gap, 27-21.

The match-up was a stalemate until the second quarter when Stevenson's stellar sophomore running back Austin White—a part of the Spartans' terrific trio of brothers that includes senior quarterback Mitchell White and senior receiver Myles White—punched in a three-yard score at the 8:30 mark for a 7-0 lead.

Plymouth's junior Ronnie Goble recovered a Stevenson fumble at 5:50 of the second.

That helped set up Plymouth's first touchdown. Senior running back Myron Puryear snuck into the endzone from two yards out with 1:23 left. Korona's extra point evened the playing field, 7-7.

Then Junior quarterback Jacob Gudeman—in for an injured Mitchell White—tossed an 80-yard touchdown pass to Austin White that was called back on a holding penalty. Six plays later, Gudeman found Stahl for a 33-yard pass and score play with 23 second left in the half. That gave the Spartans a 14-7 lead at intermission.

Stevenson extended its lead when Austin White trudged 13 yards for another score, making it a 20-7 game with 2:13 left in the third frame.

Gregory connected with fullback Connor Martin for a 12-yards touchdown with 3:35 left to narrow Stevenson's lead, 20-14.

That set the stage for the crazy final



Despite the effort the Plymouth Wildcats fell to host Stevenson, 27-21, on Friday night in a pre-district bout. Photo by Jeff Novak

minute of play where both teams scored in a span of 22 seconds.

"We knew on film that we could play with them," Sawchuck said. "They're a little bit bigger than us, but they just made a couple more plays than we did."

"The seniors did an unbelievable job of leveling-up the young guys and becoming a group that play like a team," he added. "I couldn't be more proud of this group."

Sawchuck said that the playoffs were one of the two goals the team set for this

season.

"From the get-go we all wanted to go to the playoffs no matter what," he said. "And two, we had to get over the hump and quit being afraid of Canton—and we did that."

"Now we have something to build on. We just have to keep getting better. You're going to see some hard-working kids next year and some good-effort kids and some good-character kids. Otherwise, they won't be on that sideline."

SPORTS

Romulus volleyball ready for district conference play

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles volleyball squad wrapped up the Mega Blue conference with wins against Thurston and Melvindale last week.

Now the Lady Eagles are preparing for a tough trip through district play this weekend at Wayne Memorial High School.

The 11-1 Eagles beat Thurston in three games, winning 25-13, 25-10 and 25-21 at home last Thursday.

After losing the first match to visiting Melvindale, 21-25, in a make up game on Friday, the Lady Eagles won the last three for the victory. They finished out 25-22, 25-22 and 25-15.

The first time against Melvindale was a close one, too, according to Romulus Coach Harry Hunter. It took five games but the Eagles pulled it out.

“That was a tough one,” he said. “Most of our matches only lasted three games up to that point. I think we just looked past Melvindale because they hadn’t won a game all year up to that point.”

The only loss recorded was to Taylor Kennedy in the higher Mega White conference. That match also went five games.

The season was tough, but Romulus faces a whole new monster as they head into district play this weekend at Wayne Memorial where they will square off against teams that they haven’t seen before. Those include Wayne, Glenn and Ypsilanti. They will also face a few familiar foes in from the Mega conference.

Belleville tied first in the Mega White with a 9-3 record and Garden City was 8-4

in the ultra strong Red conference.

“We haven’t played Belleville or Garden City but I know about them because they are in the Mega,” Hunter said. “We don’t know anything about the other teams because they are in a different conference. We just have to play out strong defense that we’ve been playing all year”

Hunter will have to relay on some of his top players in order to hoist the district trophy this year.

One of those is the team’s dig leader Samantha Watson. Janeice Johnson on the left side is a prolific passer along with Watson and will also be needed to step up in district play, Hunter said.

On offense, he expects the team’s most valuable player Marianne Watts, at center, to continue her strong play. She’s a junior second-year varsity player.

He said he also expects Brianna Grove to pick up her pace and play some tough defense and some big offensive play from Chritienne Linton and Samantha Bankey.

Hunter likes the team’s chances this season, but with almost the entire team back next year he’s really excited.

“This was one of my favorite seasons,” he said, “not just because of the record but because the girls are so great. All but one starter will return to make another run in the (Mega) White next year. And they’re only going to get better.”

Romulus takes on Glenn at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Wayne Memorial. The winner plays Wayne at 11:30 am. Belleville takes on Garden City at 10 a.m. with the winner playing Ypsilanti at 11:30 am. The finals are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Mustangs

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defending Hornets and Conszelmann with 33:27 left to play in the second half to give Northville a 2-0 lead.

Cheslik put the game away with his two goals in the half.

“Saline came out tough and are a good team,” Klimes said. “They got here, so you know that they are a good team. I thought the boys took advantage of a couple of mistakes they had in the first half where we got the goal on the long throw in.

We came out rolling in the second half,” he added. “I thought we played the ball real well. We took advantage again with our midfield play that created goals.”

It took two overtime periods for Northville to get by Dearborn, 2-1, in the regional semifinal last Tuesday at Stevenson.

Northville trailed, 1-0, with about a minute left to play in regulation. Sophomore Doug Beason knocked in the tying goal when the ball bounced off the Dearborn goal right in front of him, according to Klimes.

In the second overtime period, Cheslik knocked down a header off of a free kick to win the game.

Northville played in the state semifinal against East Kentwood on



Northville defeated Dearborn, 3-2, in overtime last Tuesday to advance to the regional finals against Saline on Saturday. Photo by Ken Garner

Wednesday but the results were unavailable at press time.

The Division 1 state finale is scheduled for 2:30 pm on Saturday at Troy Athens High School. The contest would include the winner of the Northville-East Kentwood and Utica Eisenhower-Clarksothn semifinals.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 07-309

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE I,
SECTION 37-25 (d) (1) (a) PERTAINING
TO SEWER AND WATER DEBT CHARGES.

The City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, hereby ordains:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Water and Sewer Ordinance.

SECTION 1: Chapter 37, Section 37-25(d) (1) (a) of the Romulus City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37-25 (d). (1) In addition to all other applicable charges as specified in this article, the following rates shall be collected from each premises hereafter connecting to any of the sewer lines of the sewer system.

a. For each single-family residence making an allowable minimum water connection as approved by the City’s Public Works Department, the sewer debt charge shall be determined by resolution of council from time to time and payable at the option of the owner in one (1) lump sum at the time of application or divided into equal payments spread out over a thirty (30) year period. Prior to the transfer of ownership, the seller shall pay the balance of the debt service charge in full at or before the time of closing and the entire debt service charge of every residence constructed under this section will remain a lien upon the land, unless so discharged and otherwise, and charge able as such to Seller and/or Buyer. For any nonresident of the City connecting the charge shall be payable at the time of application. For each single-family residence constructed as part of a subdivision or development for the purpose of resale, the charge shall be payable at the time of application.

SECTION 2: **Saving Clause.** Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or administrative body, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any Act or Ordinance hereby repealed by this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: **Severability.** Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: **Conflicting Ordinances.** All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 5: **Readings.** This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on September 4, 2007, shall be enacted on October 8, 2007 and shall be published on or before November 1, 2007 and shall be effective November 1, 2007.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 8th day of October, 2007.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 8th day of October, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Romulus Roman, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 1st day of November, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was selected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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SPORTS

Whalers thaw IceDogs, fall to London, Sarnia Sting

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In an otherwise up-and-down start to the season, the Plymouth Whalers managed to stay above the .500 mark with a 4-1 victory over the visiting Niagara IceDogs on Saturday night.

The Whalers led from start to finish with a pair of goals from Patrick Lee, which was good enough to earn him the game's first star.

The two tallies were the first for the 19-year-old Lee as a Whaler. He had a potential hat trick negated when it appeared his shot beat Niagara goaltender Andrew Lockerock under the crossbar in the first period. After a video replay, judges ruled that the puck hit the cross bar.

Plymouth also got singles scores from Brett Valiquette and Kaine Geldart.

The Whalers are now 7-6-1-0. Niagara is now 9-6-0-0.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 24 of 25 shots for the victory.

Veteran defenseman Brett Bellemore rejoined the team for his second game of the season after he missed the first 12 games with an injury. He played a steady defensive effort that earned him the game's second star with a +2 rating on the evening.

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead at 6:09 of the first period when Valiquette tipped RJ Mahalak's shot past Lockerock for his fourth goal of the year. Lee made it 2-0 on a power play at 8:13 when he ripped a shot from the right face-off circle past Lockerock.

Lee's second of the night and of the season came at 0:45 of the second period, when he batted home a rebound off of Chris Terry's shot.

Geldart tipped Bellemore's bouncing shot for a 4-0 advantage at 1:11 of the third period. Aaron Snow, for Niagara, finished out the scoring at 8:17 of the final period.

The Whalers bounced back from two losses earlier in the week.

On Friday, Plymouth couldn't overcome a 3-0 deficit against host London and fell, 3-2, to the Knights.

The Knights scored two goals in the first period and one in the third for the coveted lead. Plymouth rallied back in the final 11 minutes of the contest.

Bellemore scored on a power-play goal at 9:05. Terry and Andrew Fournier notched the assists. With about two and half minutes left, Terry scored his ninth of the season with help from Geldart and Wes Cunningham.

Neuvirth was pulled with 1:02 left to play but the Whalers couldn't capitalize with the extra skater.

Plymouth also lost to the visiting Sarnia Sting, 3-2, last Wednesday.

Terry and Cunningham scored for the Whalers.

Steven Stamkos scored the winning goal for Sarnia when his shot beat Jeremy Smith with 30 seconds left to play in the second frame.

The Whalers are on the road this week with contests at Niagara tonight; Erie on Saturday and Mississauga on Sunday afternoon.



Plymouth defender Jozef Sladok tries to make a play against Sarnia's Harrison Reed in last Wednesday's 3-2 loss. Photo by Ken Garner



Defender Leo Jenner gets plowed over by Sarnia's Matt Martin last Wednesday. Photo by Ken Garner

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Run time

Senior Carrie Oleszkowicz, of Plymouth/ Plymouth-Canton High School is one of four Albion College runners that achieved all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team status in of women's cross-country.

Albion fought through rain and chilly conditions to give what coach Hayden Smith called a "classic team effort" as they edged Hope College for second place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships at the Whiffletree Golf Course last Saturday.

Oleszkowicz improved by 11 places from the MIAA Jamboree in September—crossing the finish line in 22nd place with a 6K time of 24:35. 1—to help the Britons post a team score of 75 and beat the Flying Dutch by two points.

Oleszkowicz and the Britons will compete in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Championships in Grand Rapids on Nov. 10.



Senior Carrie Oleszkowicz, (above, left) of Plymouth/Plymouth-Canton High School achieved all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team status in of women's cross-country.

Ignition fine-tunes roster

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With its first contest just days away, the Detroit Ignition indoor soccer team is still fine-tuning its roster.

Head Coach Mark Pulisic said he hopes the signing of his latest two players will rev the team into high gear for its first contest against the Philadelphia KiXX. The Ignition kicks off the season at 7:35 pm on Saturday at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Ignition added midfielder Vahid Assadpour and defender Abraham Francois for the 2007-08 season.

Midfielder Vahid Assadpour was acquired by the Ignition as the fourth selection in the 2007 Amateur Draft.

The University of Detroit graduate was a three-time All-Horizon League selection. He finished his senior season as the league co-leader in assists per game at 44.

"Vahid came into camp as one of our top college draft choices and he has not disappointed," Pulisic said. "His ability to fit right in with the current group of players is what impressed me most. He has picked up the indoor game faster than most, and his strengths include his technical skills and ability to execute in the attacking end at pace. I am looking for an immedi-

ate contribution from Vahid this season."

Veteran defender Abraham Francois attended the Ignition's invitation-only combine in September where he made quite an impression on Pulisic.

"Abraham will add depth to our defensive group," Pulisic said.

"He has had a very good training camp and is getting stronger each day. He is a physical presence that will be looked upon to make it difficult for our oppositions target players."



Abraham Francois



Vahid Assadpour

In 2005, Francois scored two points in 18 games for the Toronto Lynx of the United Soccer League's First Division.

Per club policy, the financial terms of the two agreements were not disclosed.

The Ignition advanced to the MISL Championship Finals during its inaugural 2006-07 campaign but was booted out by the KiXX.

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1. Obituaries



ANDERSON, Doris, age 85, died October 20, 2007. She was born July 12, 1922. Doris is survived by a son, Barney Earl Anderson; a sister, Mae Will Arrington; a brother-in-law, Jodie Arrington of Columbus, GA; a brother, Samuel Carter of Columbus, GA.; seven nieces, Cynthia Thompson (Richard) of Lima, OH, Judith Carter of Tucson, AZ, Margariette Stephens of Detroit, MI, four of her nieces who cared for her during her illness, Brenda Howard (Andrew) and Olinda Robinson (James) of Inkster, MI and Sarah Tolbert (Johnny) and Olivia Davis of Detroit, MI. She also has many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends who mourn her

passing. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

CROTON, JoAnn M. of Kensington, MD, formerly of Wayne, MI, died October 26, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Melvin "Mel", mother of Ilene Lineberry and Sharon Russell, grandmother of Tina (Daniel) Link, Ross Russell and Shannon Russell. She is also survived by 5 great grandchildren, 3 brothers, one sister and her nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, MI., Friday, November 2 at 1:00 pm with instate from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm. Interment will be at Glenwood Cemetery.

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HOLMES, Jacob, age 93, died October 17, 2007. He was born May 6, 1914. He lived and died in reverence and dignity. He is survived by his nephew Alvin (Betty) Holmes, whose

relationship became not "uncle and nephew" but "father and son". If there was a term of endearment, Jacob and Alvin would have their own way of expressing it. Don't take no wooden nickels. Jacob leaves numerous nieces and nephews across the country, residing in Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina and several states in between. The life long friends that Jacob has had both living and in the hereafter are too numerous to count. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth officiating. Interment was at

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JOHNSON, Viola Lee, age 65, died October 21, 2007. She was born August 13, 1942. She was preceded in death by her parents,

Merrill Johnson and Leola Lignons and brothers, Robert (Bobby) and Edward. She will be greatly missed by her children, Anthony (Tony), Tonja and Eric; her grandchildren, LaKeshia, Joseph and Chavez. She also leaves her sister, Shirley (Wade); brothers, John and Charles; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie Cooper officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

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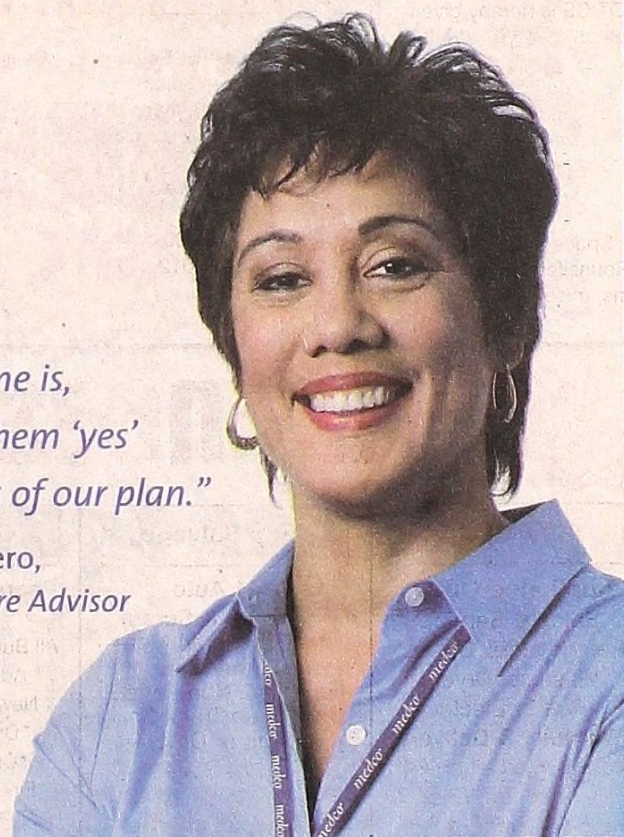
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